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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-69 (Canceled).

70. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for displaying passenger-specific boarding information to passengers ~~waiting~~ ~~preparing~~ to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

~~continuously transmitting and updating~~ the passenger-specific boarding information from a carrier data system to a processing system, wherein the passenger-specific boarding information comprises passenger standby data;

~~displaying, without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger, the passenger-specific boarding information on a gate information display system~~ ~~an electronic display coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;~~

clearing one of the passengers assigned a standby status to board; and

~~prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system~~ ~~electronic display~~; and

~~upon attempting to board, confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.~~

71. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of displaying an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system ~~electronic display~~ prior to transmission of the passenger-specific information.

72. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 70.

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73. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for displaying passenger-specific upgrade information to passengers waiting preparing to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific upgrade information from a carrier data system at a processing system;

~~displaying, without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger,~~ the passenger-specific upgrade information on gate information display system an electronic display coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;

approving an upgrade of one of the passengers; and

prompting the upgrade passenger to board by displaying the upgrade approval on the gate information display system electronic display.

74. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of confirming the upgrade passenger's identity upon attempting board by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.

75. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 73.

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76. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing displaying passenger-specific seating information to passengers waiting to board for departure in a terminal comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific seating information for one of the passengers from a carrier data system at a computing system, and in response to a signal indicating a designated time prior to departure from the terminal, displaying, without the computing system receiving identification information from the passenger, the passenger specific passenger's seating information on a gate information display system an electronic display coupled to the computing system and proximate to the departure gate, the passenger-specific passenger's seating information consisting of comprising a readily recognizable identifier for the passenger and a corresponding seat assignment; clearing one of the passengers assigned a seat to board; and prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system.

77. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of displaying passenger upgrade information on the gate information display system electronic display.

78. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 76.

Claims 79-81. (Cancelled)